

CANYON MOUNTAIN COMMUNICATION SITE
MANAGEMENT PLAN
ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT
Roseburg District Office
EA# OR-105-99-11

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Finding of No Significant Impact

The South River Field Office, Roseburg District Office, Bureau of Land Management (BLM), has completed the environmental assessment for the Canyon Mountain Communication Site Management Plan proposal. Four alternatives were analyzed consisting of a no action alternative identified as Alternative 1, and three possible action alternatives. The Alternatives are described in Chapter 2 of the EA, pages 4-5.

The following Critical Elements of the Human Environment would not be affected by the any of the alternatives contained in the Canyon Mountain Communication Site Management Plan: Air Quality; Areas of Critical Environmental Concern (ACEC); Non-Native, Invasive Species (Noxious Weeds); Prime or Unique Farmlands; Wastes, Hazardous or Solid; Wild and Scenic Rivers; and Wilderness.

The Canyon Mountain Communication Site is not located in or on wetlands, park lands, prime farmlands, Wilderness, Wild and Scenic Rivers, or Areas of Critical Environmental Concern, and none of the four alternatives would affect any of these resource values. No unique characteristics would be impacted, as described in Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) Regulations, section 1508.27 (b)(3).

There would be no affect on potential Native American Religious Concerns. Issue identification in the course of the analysis, and correspondence with local tribal governments did not identify any concerns (CEQ Regulations 1508.27 (b)(8)).

None of the alternatives in the communication site management plan EA would have any effect on cultural resources. Pedestrian surveys located no cultural materials or pre-historic resources. The presence of the Canyon Mountain air navigation beacon was consulted with the Oregon State Historical Preservation Office because the structure is greater than 50 years of age and would potentially qualify for protection under National Register of Historic Places criteria. It was determined that the structure is not historically significant. As a consequence, there would be no impacts to scientific, cultural, or historical resources (CEQ Regulations 1508.27 (b)(8)), from implementation of any of the alternatives described in the EA.

Alternative 1, the alternative of no action, would potentially allow the removal of up to an acre of timber that presently functions as suitable roosting and foraging habitat for the northern spotted owl. This

would constitute a "may affect, not likely to adversely affect" determination because it would modify suitable spotted owl habitat. Concurrence by the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service would be required. None of the three proposed action alternatives would remove suitable habitat, are not considered to have any affect on the northern spotted owl. The anticipated impacts would be within the range of those analyzed by the ROD/RMP. There would be no significant adverse impacts to this special status species (CEQ, section 1508.27(b)(9)).

None of the proposed actions threaten a violation of Federal, State, or local law (CEQ, section 1508.27(b)(10)). The impacts of the proposed action on the human environment do not exceed those anticipated in the PRMP/EIS.

As a result of the analysis, of the points listed under 40 CFR § 1508.27(b), the following were considered and were found not to apply to the proposed action: environmental justice; significant beneficial or adverse effects; significant effects on public health or safety; effects on the quality of the human environment that are likely to be highly controversial; anticipated cumulatively significant impacts; highly uncertain or unknown risks; and no precedents for future actions with significant effects.

Based on the analysis of potential impacts contained in the environmental assessment, I have determined that the proposed action will not have significant impact on the human environment within the meaning of Section 102(2)(c) of the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969, and that an environmental impact statement is not required. I have determined that the proposed action is in conformance with the *Roseburg District Record of Decision and Resource Management Plan*, approved by the Oregon/Washington State Director on June 2, 1995.

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Date